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1. ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED CANNOT BE SUPPLIED IN ABSNCE OF SITES
AND ANTICIPTED CONTRACT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE. HOWEVER,
WE CAN GIVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (1) READY MIXED CONCRETE IS ONLY
AVAILABLE IN BAGHDAD. CONTRACTOR SHOULD CONSIDER BRINGING HOW OWN
CONCRETE BATCHING PLANTS FOR PROJECTS OUTSIDE BAGHDAD: (2) REINFORCING

ROUND STEEL BARS ARE SOLD BY IRAQ GOVERNMENT COMPANY AT ABOUT IRAQI
DINARS 130 (DOLLARS 542) PER METRIC TON: (3) COST OF SEMI-SKILLED
LABORER
IS IRAQI DINARS TWO TO TWO AND HALF (DOLLARS 7-9)9) PER DAY AND AVAIL-
ABILITY
DEPENDS ON SITE, AGRICULTURAL SEASON AND PROXIMITY OF OTHER NEIGHBORING

PROJECTS. IN GENERAL IRAQ HAS A SHORTAGE OF SKILLED AND SEMI-
SKILLED LABOR: (4) BASRA PORT CONGESTION DELAYS VARY BETWEEN 40
AND 90 DAYS DEPENDING ON VOLUME OF INCOMING TONNAGE AND PRIORITY
ACCORDED TO VESSEL.

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2. THIS DATA IS ONLY PRELIMINARY. USINT RECOMMENDS STRONGLY

THAT YOUR CONTRACTOR FRIEND VISIT BAGHDAD PRIOR TO OFFER
SUBMISSION SO THAT LATEST FIELD DATA AND PRICES CAN BE INCORPORATED
IN HIS OFFER.
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